



**INNOVATION
FOUNDATION**
Presents

InnovateYou Techathon 2.0

2025 Highlights

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**NATIONAL LEVEL
TECHATHON 2.0** 2025

**Biggest Hackathon
in Maharashtra**

AISSMS IOIT, Pune.

Over 1200 students from 327 teams Across Maharashtra and beyond



Message from Organizer – A Vision Beyond the Event

“Hackathons are not just about coding; they are about creating the future,” said **Kalpesh Yadav**, Founder and Chairman of Innovation Foundation. His words echoed the spirit of the event. With his leadership and the dedicated team’s efforts, the hackathon transformed into a platform where students dared to dream big and were supported every step of the way.



Aim & Vision – Building Tomorrow’s Entrepreneurs Today

Innovation Foundation designed this hackathon not merely to find winners but to nurture ideas that can transform society. As **Kalpesh Yadav** often emphasizes, the real success of InnovateYou lies in its ability to guide students toward entrepreneurship. This year, the Foundation announced its commitment to provide incubation support and opportunities for selected projects to grow into real businesses, making the hackathon the first step in a larger journey.

Problem Statements & Awards – Big Challenges, Bigger Rewards

Subjects

Agriculture

Environment

Traffic Management

Disaster Management

EduTech

Healthcare

Student Innovation

- Each subject had **5 Problem Statements**.
- Participants worked on real-world issues designed to create **Market-ready solutions**.

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Awards Structure



Special Awards



Best Innovation
Using AI – ₹25,000

Ratan Tata Innovative
Minds Award – ₹25,000
(dedicated to the memory of
Ratan Tata, legendary industrialist)

Problem Statement Awards



Each problem statement had
1 winning team

Prize: ₹10,000 per statement

Total: 25+ awards distributed

Total Prize Pool



Rs.7.5 Lakh+

This structure ensured wide recognition
and encouraged participation across
all subjects, proving Kalpesh Yadav's belief
that every innovative idea deserves
the spotlight.

2024

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600+ Participants

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How We Reached – The Long Road of Outreach

The scale of participation was no accident. Months before the hackathon, **50 volunteers** visited **40+ colleges** across Pune, Nashik, and Mumbai. Meanwhile, **Kalpesh Yadav** personally traveled across Maharashtra – from Pune to Satara, Kolhapur, Sangli, Solapur, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, Nagpur, Gadchiroli, Jalgaon, Mumbai, and Raigad – meeting students and institutions. Alongside, **25+ hoardings** in Pune city created a buzz, and social media campaigns engaged thousands. This effort ensured that the hackathon was not just another event, but one of the most visible student innovation movements in the state.



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Inauguration – A Grand Beginning with Eminent Voices

The event began with a grand inaugural ceremony, graced by dignitaries like Dr.Nitin Karmalkar (Ex-VC, PUWJ), Parag Kalkar (Pro-VC, PUWJ), Jagannath Salunkhe (Regional Officer, MPCB), Dr.Pradeep Mane (Principal, AISSMS IOIT), and Tejas Yadav. The aura was filled with excitement as hundreds of students gathered under one roof. The keynote address by Dr.Karmalkar – “Hackathons will create new entrepreneurs” – set the tone. It was a proud moment for **Kalpesh Yadav** and his team, seeing their vision unfold into such a massive reality.



Hospitality – Care, Comfort, and Cultural Connect

From day one, hospitality stood out as a hallmark of InnovateYou Techathon. Students arriving from outside Pune were welcomed with comfortable accommodation, while all participants enjoyed freshly prepared meals and snacks throughout 24 hours. Beyond competition, cultural activities like bonfire, singing, and dance brought everyone closer. These moments reflected the organizing team’s thoughtfulness, with **Kalpesh Yadav** ensuring that students felt valued and cared for.

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Judging – Fair, Expert, and Transparent Evaluation

Projects were judged by a distinguished panel of professors and industry experts, led by Dr. Sunil B. Mane, Head of Placement Cell, COEP Tech University. Over 20 renowned judges evaluated the teams across multiple rounds. Their unbiased approach ensured that only the most impactful ideas advanced. This rigorous process mirrored the vision of Kalpesh Yadav – that innovation deserves fairness, expertise, and encouragement in equal measure.



Award Ceremony – Celebrating Innovation with Inspiration

The final day turned into a festival of ideas as winners were announced in a grand award ceremony. Dignitaries like Dr. Shailendra Deolankar,

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Dr. Karbhari Kale, Sanjay Sasane, and MP Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj inspired the gathering with their presence. Cheers erupted as **Team AquaDrove** (water-powered two-wheeler) bagged the first prize of ₹2 lakh, with many more recognized for their creativity. For **Kalpesh Yadav**, this was the culmination of months of hard work – a moment where student dreams met recognition.



Special Recognitions – Honoring Dedication Beyond the Competition

Innovation Foundation also recognized contributions that went beyond projects. A special **Teacher Innovation Award** was presented to Balaji Jadhav, a Zilla Parishad school teacher from Satara, for using YouTube to simplify primary school education. This recognition reflected **Kalpesh Yadav's** vision of nurturing innovation at all levels of society – not just among students but also among educators who inspire them.



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Future Vision – From Hackathon to Startup Journeys

The journey does not end with prizes. As Kalpesh Yadav shared, Innovation Foundation is working to create incubation opportunities and entrepreneurship pathways for standout teams. The vision is clear: to transform innovative projects into market-ready solutions and to build India's future entrepreneurs. With the success of Techathon 2.0, the road ahead shines even brighter – towards making InnovateYou one of the largest innovation platforms in India.

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